

Extract of a Letter from Parker Pillsbury to the
General Agents of the Massachusetts A. S. Society,
Suttonfield, near

Nottingham, Jan. 18, 1857

Dear Friend Amy, To next page

Your Capital letter dated
all along in December + January was
received via Bristol. It was most
welcome, + with two or three crosses
has gone back to Miss Estlin, and
will be forwarded by her to Mrs.

Matthews at Whiteside. [Still at Am
Whiteside is our dear friend with some
assurance of life left yet, though con-
stantly wearing away.]

I should have been in Bris-
tol to receive your letter - only that
Old Mr. Thomas is very low + appa-
rently drawing near to death; +
his son Herbert, where my visit
was to be made, has to be very much
with him, + desires me to defer
my town South, for the present. It
has all resulted well for me, and

The Cause
I am now in a most interest-
ing field of labor, and my noble
friend Mrs. Tubner, besides keeping
a room ever warm for me in her
elegant home, is rendering the most

Simply
Edwin
bought
to pay in cash
desired

... into new fields of usefulness.
I have had one crowded Lecture in Serby
in a hall holding 500 ^{people} but we were as
sure that more had to be turned a
way than could gain admission. The
Mayor then offered me the City Hall
for a second Lecture & will if he
can, take the Chair. I shut out of
all large places generally, it so exhausts
me to speak in them. But I have
tried the Exchange Hall once here
in Nottingham and shall make
the attempt ^{at the City Hall,} for my second Serby
Lecture, next Tuesday evening. But
it will not do ^{for me} to risk it after
go into rooms larger than a
comfortably hold 500 persons.

The Mayor of Nottingham
presided ^{at the meeting there} with great cheerfulness
He introduced me to the Mayor's
son, daughter, & invited me to dine.
At the close of the Lecture, which was
a long one, with a very large audi-
ence, it was enthusiastically voted
to adjourn to meet again at my
earliest convenience, for another
Lecture - It will come off on the 28th inst.

Next week will be my other
Meeting at Derby & there is also
one next to follow at Leicester.
I have had one meeting
at Beeston, four miles from Not-
tingham and two or three in
New or Lea parishes, so that my time
& strength are fully occupied.
More work offered ^{by far} than I can
safely perform.

Was it you that sent the Not-
tingham Weekly Messenger. If so a thou-
sand thanks. It is of great use.
President's message makes
English people laugh. Could
not have kept it back long-
er today. The glad news of Peace
came throbbing over the telegraphic
wires from Vienna - a such
a hurricane of joy as it swept to
the nation. And the first thing
people say to me is, would your
President write such a mes-
sage now? The people drove the
Ministry into the war, because they
believed it a war for human
freedom & elevation. But many
are not satisfied now that the war

has closed, leaving all the Nationalities as they were; ~~before~~ - and with European despotism more firmly established than before. And should they now turn their eyes towards the Napoleon, our valiant President, might have counter orders from his southern overseers.

But what a message! Don't you Boston Committee vote him, now that Henry A. Wise declines, to read it, as one of the Lectures in their course? I hope you will see an article in the Journal of January, about it. The Peace or war would be decided by the President, I do not know. But I fancy the news of yesterday will be most unwelcome to two parties - one is, our government; and the other is Louis Napoleon. As what the latter can do now with his immense eastern army covered with glory & blood, and thirsting for more, I do not think unless he can stir up his Spanish allies to take flight for the west, enforce the Bulevar Treaty, and

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tact the West, as well as the east
from the encroachment of the
North. This he doubtless would
be quite ready to do.

And then what a splendid
work Congress is doing. I hope
they will ballot for Speaker until
the 4th the "Ides of March" - They never
obtained their eight dollars per
diem half so well before. They
threw without a Speaker as
long as possible. do. They never
spoke so loud & well before as
now.

But Seward seems
to go for the message, & even the
"Monroe Doctrine" - Will Republi-
cans generally? And will that
be like the old "Soil patriotism",
supporting the Mexican war, and
accepting its triumphs, though
every acre of land should be given
to Mexico as fast as admitted to
the Union - On some of these
points I have to wait for further
development - before at this
distance I can decide - But
I presume my neighbor Pierce will be
as glad to get home to Concord, as I shall
myself -

and by the way, this getting
home to Concord is in danger of
becoming to me a somewhat serious
business. At the same table with
me, sits Mrs. Turner writing to
Mrs. Chapman, on a subject of a
nature to make it probable you may
see the letter. And I fear most that
she will urge is not without weight.
Many others talk as she does - But
I must come home, even though my
stay should be short. My little respon-
sibilities at Concord will not let
me leave them again, nor will
the Court. The latter it would
pay me. Now can I ask them, much
less urge them to so important
a step. My daughter is hardly old
enough in funds or education
for a tour abroad, and her mother
on my head that she herself is too
old for such an undertaking.
However, my dear friend May, it
is an unspeakable pleasure to me,
that there are those who apprecia-
te my humble services.
I hope most devoutly not to pass for more
than I am really worth. But to have
made such friends, & so many of them,

It truly a compliment to my fi-
delity to principle and to practice
of which I have long wished to
be worthy. Not for my own sake,
but for the good I should thereby
be rendering to humanity.

All this is to you, instead of
my own family, because my letters
to them were ~~to~~ all written before Mrs.
Sumner told me of her purpose.
They will see them however, before
you do, and can send you with
~~them~~ all sorts of protests & ploran-
ciaments against it. My wife
has been more of a martyr to the
cause than ever I have. Though
she, like her husband, is not too
apt perhaps, to reveal her expe-
riences. It will be too much
to ask her to see me sail for
this country again, leaving her
behind.

I wrote you, (or certainly in-
tended it,) about Mrs. Richardson
& Julia Griffiths, while at Professor
Nichols's. She ^{did} refuse to receive
St. Julia & invited me to an evening
visit. Mr. Mansson was present

at the interview and was greatly
pleased at its character. He went
to the whole Douglass controversy
Mawson said she never heard such
truths before - We were perfectly pleased
and she had not a foot left to stand
on - The Bazaar friends said they
now call on her again to aid in
their work. It may not amount to
much, for she had gone too far to be
sily reclaimed - Besides they
made a sad loss of property, a
sad one, lately, and cannot do as
formerly, in any case.

I hope you will see Mother King. She
took through as an Irish Mother does the
boys heads a like agreeable work.

Will you tell Mrs Brown that the letter
he sent Mr Bishop had no stamps on and
so cost him a double postage, which
paid. I think the letter was mailed
at Feltonville, & contained on to
daughter in London.

at Joseph Parker
I am not surprised. They tell fearful
ries of him in Leeds & New Castle.

And now with my particular
regards to Dr. Taft who you say is so ill
to Mrs. Taft when you see her & the same
to yourself & family, I am ever
yours Parker Pillsbury